

McPherson County Board of Commissioners
Minutes of Proceedings
August 21st, 2018

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met in special session on Tuesday, August 21st, 2018 in the Commissioners chambers. Chairman Feickert called the meeting to order at 9:00AM. Members present were Delmar Metzger, Jeff Neuharth, and Anthony Kunz.

RESOLUTION 18-07
“RESOLUTION BANNING ALL OPEN BURNING”

WHEREAS, McPherson County is currently experiencing extreme dry conditions; and

WHEREAS, McPherson County desires to protect the health and safety of all residents and all property within the county boundary; and

WHEREAS, an emergency situation exists:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the McPherson County Commission declares that an emergency situation does exist and as such the County Commission hereby imposes a ban on open burning with the exception of the following: the use of outdoor fireplaces, charcoal and liquid fuel grills, burn barrels 55 gallons or less equipped with a screen or barbeque cooking grills, and fireworks.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that this ban shall remain intact until such time as conditions improve and a subsequent resolution by the McPherson County Commission is enacted removing said ban, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that any violation of this resolution will result in criminal charges against the individual or individuals that initiate the fire.

Dated at Leola, South Dakota this 21st day of August 2018.

ATTEST:

Lindley Howard
McPherson County Auditor

Sid Feickert
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

Kunz moved for the adoption of Resolution Number 18-07. Neuharth seconded the forgoing motion. Upon roll call vote, thereon, all voted in favor. Motion carried, and Resolution Number 18-07 was declared duly adopted.

OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED AND ACTION TAKEN:

Highway Department

Glenn presented to the board the results of the test holes that were dug on the approximately 10.1 acres for sale behind the county shop in Long Lake. Property value versus asking price were discussed and possible offers were considered. More discussion will be held at the next meeting.

Highway Department staffing was discussed. Currently there are two employees retiring/considering retirement. Hiring part time versus full time help to meet the departments needs were also discussed.

Executive Session

Neuharth moved and Kunz seconded to go into executive session at 9:45AM to discuss personnel matters. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Neuharth moved and Kunz seconded to exit executive session at 10:00AM. All voted in favor. Motion carried. No action taken.

Drainage Board

At 10:00AM Neuharth moved and Metzger seconded to meet as the McPherson County Drainage Commission. All voted in favor. Motion carried. The commission met concurrently with the Board of Commissioners and their minutes are listed in a separate section.

2019 Budget

The 2019 provisional budget was discussed. Various department heads discussed with the board certain line item requests in their respective department's 2019 budgets. The Auditor will make the board's requested changes. The 2019 provisional budget hearing will be held Tuesday, September 4th, 2018 during the regularly scheduled commissioners' meeting beginning at 9AM in the Commission Chambers. The provisional budget to be considered will be as printed.

At 11:55AM Neuharth moved and Kunz seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 4th beginning at 9AM in the Commissioner's Chambers at the Courthouse in Leola.

ATTEST:

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